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# Response to Grand Jury Report: “Reduce Dependence on Imported Water”

## OVERVIEW

On May 15, 2013, the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report with the San Diego Mayor, City Council, and the San Diego County Water Authority entitled “Reduce Dependence on Imported Water.” The purpose of the report was to encourage the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) to continue to enthusiastically pursue policies that would reduce the dependence on imported water and to also keep the public aware of local water supply issues.

The Grand Jury Report included 5 findings (three addressed to CWA and two to Mayor / City Council) and 9 recommendations (three addressed to CWA and six to Mayor / City Council). The Mayor and City Council are required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations in the Grand Jury Report within 90 days; however, the City requested and was granted a 60-day extension. The response is due to the Presiding Judge on October 18, 2013.

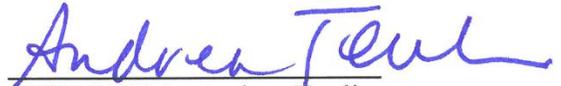
For each finding and recommendation directed to the City Council, the Council may (1) join the Interim Mayor’s response; (2) respond with a modification to the Interim Mayor’s response; or (3) respond independently of the Interim Mayor. Our office worked collaboratively with City staff to develop a response to the Grand Jury and we have reached agreement on all responses. Therefore, the IBA is recommending that Interim Mayor Todd Gloria and the Council provide a joint response to this Grand Jury report. The full text of the joint response is included as Attachment 1 to this report.

In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either (1) agree with the finding or (2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate that the recommendation (1) has been implemented; (2) has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future; (3) requires further analysis; or (4) will not be

implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. Explanations for responses are requested when applicable.



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Attachments:

1. Recommended City Council Responses to Findings and Recommendations in San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “Reduce Dependence on Imported Water”
2. San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “Reduce Dependence on Imported Water”